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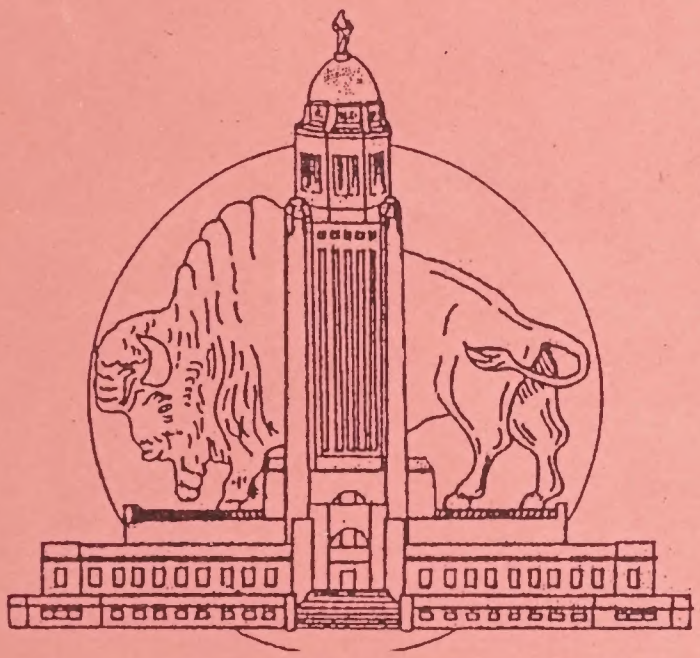

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"It is a great day in our lives when we realize that we are not the general manager of the universe."

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

MY DEAR COINHUSKERS,

Summer is good and maybe it is a good thing. If you are like me, you are little frustrated with the things have gone for the last several months. No rain – grasshoppers everywhere – corrupt leaders in the big corporations – stock market that can't find a direction to go – and now talk of war with Iraq. Well, the old saying is "if you are given a lemon, make lemonade." I think that certainly applies to the coin market. Now is good time to dig out those collections and take inventory of your needs. You may have duplicates you would like to sell or trade. The upcoming months are the ideal time to attend coin shows or auctions and actively pursue your hobby. If you feel like taking a gamble consider adding some gold to your collections. I think the upside is much greater than the downside risk.

Two upcoming shows are November 3rd at Wahoo and November 23rd at Omaha. Be sure to attend and make some lemonade.

Sincerely,
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Letters to the N.N.A

Dear NNA,

Just received the July 2002 issue of the COIN HUSKER – good issue. Sorry to here about the YN auction. I would have not missed it, if I could have been there.

Can't wait for next issue.
Rich Basso,
Phoenix, AZ

Hi NNA,

I've been thinking about the YN auction, and I have an idea to bounce around. Suppose we ask the Omaha, Fremont, and Lincoln dealers, those with open store fronts, to keep a early registration list of children and young adults who enter their stores, live in the area, and would consider attending the YN auction at the next state show. Perhaps we should offer sign-up sheets to all the clubs to register names/addresses at their meetings. The dealers and clubs could then mail the registrations lits, and we could mail reminder postcards to each registrant.

Even I'm rarely in the Eastern part of the state. I would be glad to volunteer my time to print the post cards and mail them. Perhaps we can get someone to volunteer to distribute sign-up sheets to the clubs and dealers.

Best regards,
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Nov. 3	Wahoo Coin Club, Annual Show, 4H Building, Saunders County Fairgrounds, Wahoo
Nov. 23	Omaha Coin Club, 43rd Annual Show, Red Lion Inn, I-80 & 72nd St., Omaha

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The N.N.A. thanks Krause Publications for providing the photograph of the encasement.

August 8, 2002

UNITED STATES MINT FINISHES FIRST AT THE INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY

Hoosier State Honored with New State Quarter

Indianapolis, Indiana – Governor Frank O'Bannon today joined United States Mint Director Henrietta Holsman Fore at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway to unveil the Indiana commemorative quarter-dollar coin, the 19th under the United States Mint's 50 State Quarters® Program. First Lady Judy O'Bannon and Tony George, President of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, also gave remarks at the event. Racecar driver Sarah Fisher was on hand to sign autographs.

"Since the first Indianapolis 500 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in 1911, Indiana has become synonymous with world-class auto racing," said Director Fore. "It is fitting that the Indiana quarter honors the Indy car, a vibrant symbol not only of America's spirit of competition but also of its preeminence in engineering." She added that Hoosiers should be proud of this coin and the place it now takes as the 19th state in the 50 State Quarters Program.

Governor O'Bannon selected the final design after the Indiana Commemorative Quarter Selection Committee received and reviewed over 3,700 design suggestions from across the state. The winning design recognizes the state's famous Indianapolis 500 race. The design features the image of an "Indy" car superimposed on an outline of the state with the inscription "Crossroads of America." The design also includes 19 stars, symbolizing Indiana as the 19th state to be admitted to the Union.

"We are very proud of this coin, and we think people around the country will instantly think of Indiana when they see it," Governor O'Bannon said. "Our state played a significant role in the expansion and development of the United States at its crossroads, and this coin signifies that importance."

The release of the Indiana quarter marked the end of production of the Louisiana quarter, released in May 2002. The quarters are manufactured at the Philadelphia and Denver Mints, which produce all U.S. circulating coins and ship them to the Federal Reserve for distribution to the nation's banks.

Launched in 1999, the United States Mint's 50 State Quarters Program is a 10-year initiative that honors each of the nation's states in the order that they joined the Union. Each quarter is produced for about 10 weeks and will never be produced again. Surveys show that approximately 139 million adults are collecting the quarters.

The 50 State Quarters products, including the popular collectible proof sets, which feature the five state quarters of each year, are adding to the collecting fun. These products and more information about the 50 State Quarters Program are available through the United States Mint's website at www.usmint.gov or by calling 1-800-USA-MINT.

"All the news that's fit to mint!" "What's news at the U.S. Mint!"

Making Cents

Welcome to the summer 2002 edition of **Making Cents**, the newsletter that tells you what's new and striking at the United States Mint. Be sure to check back every 3 months for a new issue.

- The 1933 Double Eagle Takes Flight!
- The Double Eagle Crossword Puzzle
- Quarter of the Quarter
- Euros Join Quarters

The 1933 Double Eagle Takes Flight!

An auction is where things are sold to the people who offer the most money. And an auction in New York on July 30, 2002, will be a very special event: the first and only time that a 1933 Double Eagle is sold!

Why has this coin never been sold before and what makes it so special? Here's the story.

Double Eagles are gold coins marked "20 dollars." The first ones were struck in 1850 from gold mined during the California Gold Rush. These coins were made until 1933, during the Great Depression, when President Roosevelt ordered the United States Mint to stop making all gold coins.

Even though almost half a million of these Double Eagles were struck in 1933, they were never issued as money because of the President's order. Instead, they were stored in Mint vaults—except for two that were saved for the Smithsonian Institution—until the Mint had them destroyed in 1937. All of the gold coins were melted down—except for ten of them, which secretly were stolen!

In 1944, King Farouk of Egypt bought one of the stolen Double Eagles from a coin dealer. He obeyed the law by asking the Treasury Department for a license that would let him take the coin to Egypt. Not realizing that the coin had been stolen, the Treasury Department mistakenly gave him the license.

A few days later, other 1933 Double Eagles appeared in a coin auction. When the Secret Service realized that all the 1933 Double Eagles were supposed to have been destroyed, they knew they must have been stolen. They found out who was selling the stolen coins and how they were stolen, but they couldn't convict him because too much time had passed since the robbery. But the coins were still stolen government property, and had to be returned. The government got all of them back by 1952—except the one King Farouk had bought and taken back home to Egypt.

Ten years after the king bought the coin (1954), a new government took over and the king's coin collection was put up for auction in Egypt. The United States government asked the new Egyptian government to give the coin back to us instead of letting it be sold. The Egyptian government did take it out of the auction, but then...it disappeared! It was never returned.

More than 50 years later (1996), an English coin dealer was arrested in New York City while trying to sell a 1933 Double Eagle to Secret Service agents who were pretending to be coin collectors. The coin is one of the stolen coins and very probably the one from King Farouk's collection. But the United States had to prove in court that it still owned the coin.

It took five years for everyone to agree what to do with the coin. It was settled that

the government owned the coin, but that this one and only 1933 Double Eagle, after 69 years, should be issued and then sold in a public auction.

What an interesting case! This legendary coin was made legally but couldn't be owned legally; was taken out of the country legally though it was stolen property; and now it can be bought legally—someone can buy and own what may be the most valuable gold coin in the world.

Someone like you can go to Sotheby's in New York and try to win the bid—if you have a few million dollars in your piggy bank!

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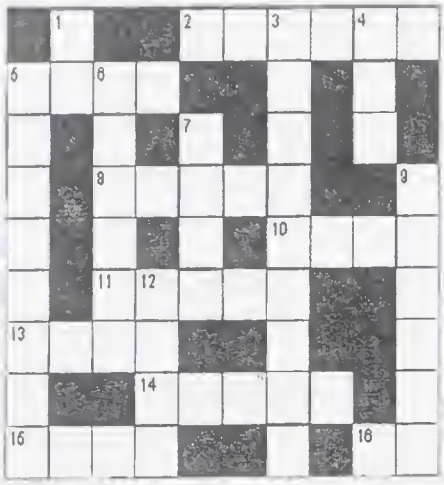
The Double Eagle Crossword Puzzle



Across

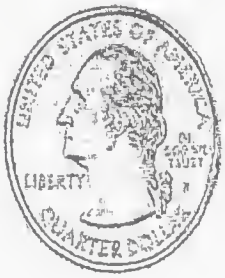
2. What the flag's 50 stars stand for
5. Examination
8. Computer pointer
10. What they call me by
11. Land of King Farouk
13. Currency of the European Union
14. Live and _____.
15. Sell (past tense)
16. Not "is not"

Down

1. Myself
3. An exciting trip
4. Long period of time
5. Instructors
6. Season of this issue
7. Month of the big auction
9. Comes out to the public for the first time
12. Metal of the Double Eagle

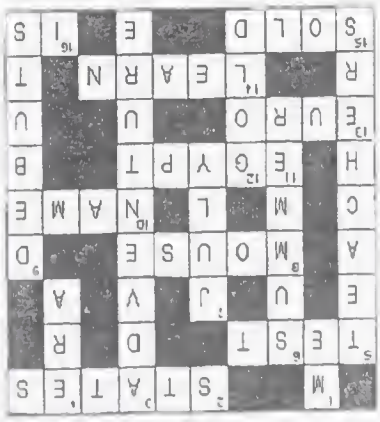
Euros Join Quarters

The big news in June was a great new collection that went up for sale by the Mint...the **5 new quarters for 2002 and Europe's 12 new 1-euro coins**, packaged together. The 12 uncirculated one-euro coins come from each of the 12 European Union nations that are taking part: Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, and Spain. The five uncirculated quarters are for 2002's five states: Tennessee, Ohio, Louisiana, Indiana, and Mississippi, each with a "D" (Denver) mint mark.



The set also supplies great history and coin design facts, where you can learn about the symbols on both the euros and the quarters, and the histories of how both coins came to be. And if you want to know more about the euro (as it relates to France), don't miss the Coins of the World cartoon adventure.

Answer Key:
Double Eagle Crossword Puzzle



PIKES PEAK OR BUST

By Thomas LaMarre

(from the August 9, 2002 issue of the ANA "YourNewsletter")

Pike's Peak isn't the highest mountain in Colorado---it's actually only the 31st---but it's certainly the most famous. Gold was discovered there in the 1850s, sparking a gold rush that led to statehood for Colorado . . . and rare coins for collectors.

On August 1, 1876, Colorado was admitted to the Union. The road to statehood was paved with gold. In 1858, prospectors found the precious metal along Cherry Creek, near present-day downtown Denver. When news of the discovery traveled eastward, the overland trail to Colorado was jammed with prospectors. Painted on the white canvas tops of many of their wagons was the rally cry "Pikes Peak or Bust."

By 1859, more than 100,000 people had reached Colorado. Mining camps developed into cities, with names like Auraria---Latin for gold---and Oro City, its Spanish equivalent. But it was Denver that became known as the "Paris of the West." In June of 1860, Austen and Milton Clark and E.H. Gruber opened a bank in Denver, and began making $2.50, $5, $10 and $20 gold pieces. One side of some Clark and Gruber $10 and $20 cold coins pictured Pikes Peak. The other side had an eagle, like the one on government-issued gold pieces. Prospectors were delighted to swap their gold dust for the coins, and Clark and Gruber's mint eventually became the First National Bank of Denver---still one of the most influential banks in the Rocky Mountain region.

In July of 1876---the nation's 100th anniversary---Colorado residents approved a state constitution by an overwhelming majority. On August 1st, Colorado officially became the "Centennial State."

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North Platte – Platte Valley Coin Club, 3rd Tuesday, Northwestern Public Service Co. "Blue Flame Room" 215 E. 5th St., 7:30 PM

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